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Decline in Retail Trade Jobs Contribute to March Unemployment Rate of 3.4%

The Hawai'i State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations recently announced that the statewide unemployment rate in March was 3.4 percent, an increase of 0.4 percentage point over February's unemployment rate of 3.0 percent. The rise in unemployment was significantly due to the loss of 300 jobs in the retail industry.

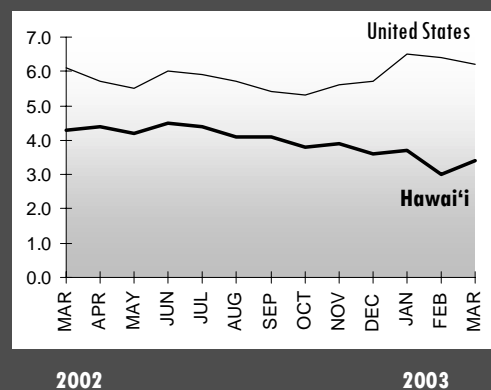
On the positive side, the total number of non-agricultural jobs in the state increased over-the-month by 2,100, expanding to 566,900. Hawai'i's labor force in March was comprised of 572,300 employed and 19,900 unemployed.

In contrast to Hawai'i's unemployment rate, the national unemployment rate declined over-the-month, dropping from 6.4 percent in February to 6.2 percent in March. During the past four months, Hawai'i's unemployment rate remained lower than the national unemployment rate by more than two percentage points.

"We are pleased that our unemployment rate remains significantly lower than the national average especially in light of current world events," said Nelson Befitel, Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. "It is especially encouraging that we have not sustained any significant job loss in visitor related industries."

Overall, visitor related industries saw a small amount of growth of .1%. Air transportation and retail trade saw job losses of .5%, respectively. The increase of jobs in food services, accommodations, and transportation/warehousing by .1% to .8% helped offset the retail and air transportation job losses, with the

Monthly Unemployment Rates



food service industry having the most growth with the addition of 400 jobs.

State education rose by 900 jobs, primarily due to a seasonal increase in casual hires and student workers in the University of Hawai'i system. Construction, and the combined administrative, support, and waste management sector, each expanded by 300 jobs.

The remaining industrial sectors showed little change in the number of jobs.

Data sources for unemployment rate and labor force estimates: 1) Local Area Unemployment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations; and 2) Current Population Survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor. Data source for Nonagricultural job count: Current Employment Statistics, Research & Statistics Office, Hawai'i State Department of Labor & Industrial Relations.

Labor Force Estimates; Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs (Hawai'i)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted

	STATE OF HAWAI'I			HONOLULU COUNTY			HAWAI'I COUNTY			KAUA'I COUNTY			MAUI COUNTY		
	MAR 2003	FEB 2003	MAR 2002	MAR 2003	FEB 2003	MAR 2002	MAR 2003	FEB 2003	MAR 2002	MAR 2003	FEB 2003	MAR 2002	MAR 2003	FEB 2003	MAR 2002
LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES															
Civilian Labor Force	592.2	594.3	582.1	419.9	421.2	413.1	71.6	71.6	69.7	29.0	29.0	28.0	71.7	72.4	71.2
Employed	572.3	576.4	557.3	407.4	409.8	396.8	67.9	68.6	66.1	27.8	27.9	26.4	69.2	70.1	68.0
Unemployed	19.9	17.9	24.8	12.5	11.4	16.3	3.7	3.0	3.7	1.3	1.1	1.6	2.5	2.3	3.2
Unemployment Rate	3.4%	3.0%	4.3%	3.0%	2.7%	4.0%	5.1%	4.3%	5.3%	4.4%	3.8%	5.6%	3.5%	3.1%	4.5%

NONAG. WAGE & SAL. JOBS

Total	566.9	564.8	553.7	420.7	418.9	411.0	57.1	56.9	55.8	26.5	26.4	25.4	62.6	62.6	61.4
Total Private	444.5	443.1	433.1	322.8	321.7	314.5	45.5	45.5	44.3	22.3	22.1	21.2	54.0	53.9	53.1
Nat. Res., Mining & Construction	14.6	14.4	13.1	18.6	18.3	16.9	4.0	4.0	3.9	1.3	1.2	1.2	3.2	3.2	3.0
Manufacturing	14.9	14.9	15.7	11.5	11.5	12.2	1.4	1.4	1.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.6	1.6	1.6
Durable Goods	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.2	3.2	3.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Non-durable Goods	11.0	11.0	11.5	8.3	8.3	8.7	1.1	1.1	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	107.1	107.2	104.9	76.6	76.8	75.1	12.1	12.1	11.5	5.8	5.8	5.4	12.7	12.6	12.8
Wholesale Trade	16.4	16.2	16.2	13.5	13.3	13.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.1
Retail Trade	64.0	64.2	62.9	43.4	43.7	42.7	8.2	8.2	7.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	8.5	8.5	8.7
Food & Beverage Stores	12.9	12.9	12.9	8.2	8.2	8.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.9
Clothing & Accessories Stores	8.9	8.7	8.8	6.4	6.4	6.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
General Merchandise Stores	10.6	10.7	11.0	6.8	6.9	7.0	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.3	1.3	1.5
Transportation, Warehsg. & Util	26.8	26.8	25.8	19.7	19.7	19.1	2.5	2.5	2.4	1.6	1.5	1.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
Utilities	2.7	2.7	2.7	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Air Transportation	9.7	9.8	9.4	8.1	8.2	7.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.8
Transportation & Warehousing	24.1	24.1	23.1	18.1	18.1	17.4	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Information	11.3	11.3	11.6	9.3	9.3	9.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.9	1.0	0.9
Telecommunications	4.4	4.4	4.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4
Financial Activities	28.1	27.9	27.5	21.9	21.8	21.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.7	2.7	2.6
Finance & Insurance	16.0	15.9	15.8	13.9	13.8	13.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.8
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	12.1	12.0	11.8	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Professional & Business Svcs	68.4	68.0	65.3	56.3	55.8	53.7	4.6	4.5	4.4	2.6	2.5	2.4	5.0	5.0	4.8
Professional, Scientific, & Tech.	21.9	21.8	21.7	18.5	18.4	18.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.3	1.3	1.3
Mgmt. of Companies & Entrpr	6.6	6.5	6.5	5.9	5.8	5.8	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Administrative, Support & Waste	39.9	39.6	37.2	31.8	31.6	29.5	2.9	2.9	2.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	3.4	3.4	3.2
Educational & Health Svcs	65.2	65.0	62.9	51.9	51.7	49.8	6.3	6.2	6.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	4.9	4.8	4.7
Educational Services	12.9	12.9	12.3	11.4	11.3	10.8	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Elementary & Secondary Sch.	6.4	6.5	6.0	5.2	5.3	4.8	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Health Care & Social Assistance	52.2	52.1	50.6	40.5	40.4	39.0	5.6	5.6	5.5	2.1	2.1	2.0	4.1	4.1	4.0
Ambulatory Health Care Svcs	21.5	21.5	20.2	16.2	16.2	15.0	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Hospitals	12.8	12.7	12.7	11.7	11.6	11.7	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Nursing & Residential Care Fac.	6.1	6.0	5.9	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Social Assistance	11.9	11.9	11.8	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
Leisure & Hospitality	98.6	98.2	96.8	57.9	57.5	56.9	12.7	12.7	12.4	7.7	7.6	7.4	20.3	20.3	20.1
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	10.9	10.9	10.9	6.8	6.8	6.9	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	1.9	1.9	2.0
Accommodation & Food Services	87.7	87.3	85.8	51.1	50.7	50.0	11.4	11.4	11.2	6.8	6.8	6.6	18.4	18.4	18.1
Accommodation	37.0	37.0	36.0	15.6	15.5	14.8	6.9	6.8	6.7	3.7	3.7	3.6	10.8	11.0	10.9
Food & Drinking Places	50.7	50.3	49.9	35.5	35.1	35.2	4.6	4.6	4.4	3.1	3.1	3.0	7.5	7.4	7.3
Full-Service Restaurants	26.1	25.8	25.5	16.4	16.2	15.9	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.1	2.2	2.0	4.9	4.9	5.0
Other Services	23.8	23.8	23.6	18.8	18.9	18.8	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.7	2.6	2.6
Government	122.4	121.7	120.6	97.9	97.3	96.5	11.6	11.5	11.5	4.3	4.3	4.2	8.7	8.7	8.4
Federal Government	31.5	31.6	30.2	29.0	29.1	28.2	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5
State Government	74.0	73.2	73.4	57.4	56.8	56.7	8.2	8.0	8.2	2.7	2.7	2.7	5.8	5.8	5.8
State Education (DOE & UH)	50.0	49.1	49.2	40.3	39.6	39.4	4.9	4.7	4.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	3.2	3.2	3.3
Local Government	16.9	16.9	17.0	11.5	11.4	11.6	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	2.1	2.1	2.1

NP = Not Published.
NOTE: Totals may not add due to rounding.

Labor Force Estimates (U.S.)

Data in thousands; all data unadjusted.

	MAR 2003	FEB 2003	MAR 2002
Civilian Labor Force	145,801	145,693	144,334
Employed	136,783	136,433	135,558
Unemployed	9,018	9,260	8,776
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	6.4%	6.1%

Hours & Earnings

State of Hawai'i

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INDUSTRY	PRODUCTION WORKERS	AVG. WEEKLY EARNINGS	AVG. WEEKLY HOURS	AVG. HOURLY EARNINGS
Natural Res., Mining & Construction	20,400	\$1,113.67	39.2	\$28.41
Manufacturing	9,900	431.01	35.3	12.21
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	88,400	425.87	31.9	13.35
Wholesale Trade	13,300	545.40	36.0	15.15
Retail Trade	54,400	349.31	31.3	11.16
Information	8,200	651.74	32.8	19.87
Financial Activities	20,200	572.63	34.6	16.55
Accommodation & Food Services	77,700	322.48	29.0	11.12
Accommodation	32,900	474.55	33.8	14.04
Food & Drinking Places	44,800	210.06	25.4	8.27

Workforce Development Division Applicant Profiles

Listed below are some of the applicants registered with the Hawai'i State Workforce Development Division.

Interested employers should call the number following each profile.

Administrative Assistant: US veteran. Skilled administrative assistant and career counselor. Exper. on Windows NT, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, WordPerfect, FoxPro, Adobe Page Builder and ReadySetGo desktop publishing programs. Exper. in preparing briefs, annual reports, and creating brochures. *Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).*

Advanced Technical Specialist: US Navy veteran. Knowledgeable of mechanical & electronic designs, engineering documentation, purchasing or test qualification hardware, export of test parts. Mechanical Engineering & Arts Degree. Desires full-time position. Salary negotiable. *Call Melody Hudson at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

Cartography Asst.: US Army veteran. 10 years exper. as school-trained mil. Imagery Interpreter. Salary negotiable. *Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).*

Computer and Data/Voice Communications: US Army veteran. Highly organized and self-motivated. 13 years exper. FCC GMDSS Radio Maintainer License and various electronic certificates. *Call Jorge Torres at 586-8706 (Honolulu Office).*

Counseling Psychologist: US Air Force veteran. Masters degree - Marriage and Family Therapy. Computer literate. Seeking \$38/hr. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).*

Electrician/Site Inspector: US Navy veteran. Relocated to Kauai. Worked in construction as electrician and construction site inspector. *Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Kauai Office).*

Electronic Technician: US Navy veteran. Seeks electronic technician or related position. Very good military and civilian exper. in the field. Excellent attitude. Salary open. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

Electronics Maintenance Supervisor/Technician: US Army veteran. 10+ years in electronics field. Exper. as Field Engineer and Systems Analyst Engineer in maintaining, testing, troubleshooting and repair of multi-circuit panel and microwave equipment. Proficient in MS Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint. Seeking \$36,000/yr. *Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).*

Job Placement Counselor: US veteran. Exper. in working with various agencies to develop and provide employment opportunities, vocational rehabilitation, and vocational education services to customers. Has been a Quality Assurance Specialist, Felix Complaints Resolution Specialist, Operations and Budget Manager, and Assistant Administrator. *Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).*

Legal Assistant: US Army veteran. Currently a Criminal Law student. Exper. in researching, filing, documenting, and coding records. Types 45 wpm. Computer literate. Personable. Desires full-time position. Ready to start immediately. Salary negotiable. *Call Melody Hudson at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

Logistics Manager: US Army veteran. Exper. in shipping and receiving, inventory control, cost adjustment for inventory, in both retail and raw material to finished product applications. Seeking \$15/hr. *Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).*

Maintenance Supervisor: Recently separated US veteran. Exper. in diesel, turbine, gas engine generator maintenance. Seeking employment in maintenance or management field. Performed periodic inspections, to maintain zero equipment failure, and maintained cleanliness and integrity of \$20,000 tool account. Computer literate - Word, Excel, PowerPoint. Types 35 wpm. *Call Susan Lim at 233-3670 (Kaneohe Office).*

Mechanic: Recently separated US Army veteran. 12 years military vehicle repair and maintenance exper. Extensive Army mechanic school training. Salary negotiable. *Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).*

Medical Asst. US Army veteran. Seeks medical asst. or related position. Very good military exper. in the field. Computer literate. Excellent interpersonal communication skills. Great attitude. Salary open. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

Medical Claims Examiner/Accounts Receivable Clerk/Medical Data Entry Clerk: US Air Force veteran. Extensive medical claims examining and accounts receivable exper. Salary negotiable. *Call Michael Fee at 586-8718 (Honolulu Office).*

Network Systems Administrator: US Navy veteran. 2 years Network exper. Seeking \$35,000/yr. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).*

Photographer: US Marine veteran. 6 years photography exper. Computer literate. Seeking \$56,000/yr. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).*

Project Manager: US Army veteran. 30 years exper. managing real estate holdings, owned, renovated, maintained rented, and managed 15 suites. Seeking \$14/hr. *Call Blas Silva at 586-8719 (Honolulu Office).*

Resident Manager: US retired Navy veteran. 36 months private sector exper. with 20 years military work exper. in related occupation. Working manager - manages property - all facets incl. enforcement of association policies and maintenance/cleaning. Would be asset to any company. Salary negotiable. *Call Kathy Bailey at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

Residential Living Advisor: US Air Force veteran. Motivated, hard worker, willing to learn, customer service friendly, able to work with all ages. Desires full-time position. Ready to start immediately. Salary negotiable. *Call Melody Hudson at 675-0012 (Waipahu Office).*

Sales Manager: US Air Force veteran. Seeks sales manager or related position. Military exper. in store sales. Very good private skills in management and sales. Excellent customer service skills. Very good attitude. Salary open. *Call Gary Tasaka at 675-0013 (Waipahu Office).*

Truck Driver: US Army Vietnam veteran. Worked in airline industry as airplane mechanic. Seeking work as small truck driver/deliverer. *Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Kauai Office).*

Warehouse Supervisor: US Army veteran. Laid off from Kwajalein Atol. Worked in receiving and issue section of General Supply Department as department supervisor. *Call Eric Nordmeier at 274-3056 (Kauai Office).*

Warehouse/Logistics: US Navy veteran. Exper. in shipping and receiving, inventory control and forklift operator. Salary negotiable. *Call Jorge Torres at 586-8706 (Honolulu Office).*

Warehouseman: US Navy veteran. Order and maintain stock levels, operate computer for inventory management. Receive and prepare shipments, able to operate forklift. Seeking \$2,000/mo. *Call Reggie Conarton at 974-4126 (Hilo Office).*

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Benchmarked Labor Force & Job Count Estimates

The most comprehensive count of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs is based on the quarterly unemployment insurance (UI) tax reports, also known as ES-202 data. However, because there is a six to nine month lag in the collection and publication of this data, the Current Employment Statistics program (BLS-790) is conducted monthly to provide job count estimates on a more timely basis. Employment, hours, and earnings data from approximately 2,200 Hawai'i employers are used to produce reliable estimates as to direction and magni-

tude of movements of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs. In February, the job count estimates are revised for the preceding 18 to 21 months by a procedure known as benchmarking. Estimates are benchmarked to the March 2002 universe levels of the ES-202, allowing a closer tracking of actual employment fluctuations. The civilian labor force, employment, and unemployment estimates are benchmarked to Current Population Survey (CPS) data. The following table shows the revised figures for 2001 and 2002.

	STATE OF HAWAII		HONOLULU COUNTY		HAWAII COUNTY		KAUAI COUNTY		MAUI COUNTY	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	591,350	582,200	419,000	412,100	70,700	70,200	28,950	28,400	72,700	71,500
Employed	564,200	557,450	402,050	396,050	65,950	66,150	26,900	26,850	69,300	68,350
Unemployed	27,150	24,750	16,950	16,000	4,800	4,000	2,050	1,550	3,400	3,150
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.2%	4.0%	3.9%	6.8%	5.7%	7.0%	5.4%	4.7%	4.4%
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL JOBS	554,950	555,400	412,450	411,800	54,700	55,850	25,650	25,900	62,150	61,900
Nat. Resources, Mining, Construction	24,700	25,700	17,000	17,500	3,500	3,850	1,050	1,200	3,150	3,100
Manufacturing	16,400	15,250	12,800	11,750	1,550	1,400	400	400	1,700	1,650
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	110,950	106,550	80,900	76,450	11,550	11,750	5,600	5,600	12,900	12,800
Information	11,850	11,600	9,950	9,550	650	650	350	450	900	950
Financial Activities	28,050	27,600	21,850	21,500	2,300	2,300	1,250	1,200	2,650	2,600
Professional & Business Services	63,950	66,650	52,450	54,850	4,150	4,400	2,350	2,450	5,050	4,900
Educational & Health Services	61,800	63,100	49,100	49,950	6,000	6,200	2,150	2,200	4,500	4,750
Leisure and Hospitality	99,200	97,300	58,400	57,350	12,450	12,400	7,650	7,500	20,700	20,050
Other Services	23,550	23,700	18,800	18,850	1,500	1,550	700	700	2,550	2,550
Government	114,450	118,000	91,250	93,950	11,000	11,350	4,100	4,200	8,100	8,500

NOTE: The State and Honolulu job counts are done in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2002 data are preliminary final and 2001 data are final. Data are rounded to nearest 50. Totals may not add due to rounding. State estimates are independently calculated. County totals may not add to State total. Maui County includes Maui, Moloka'i, and Lana'i islands. All data are unadjusted. Total nonagricultural jobs include multiple jobholders and exclude nonagricultural self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics.



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